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AMERICAN CRUELTIES I THE PHILIPPINES.

A short time ago the pro Boer

iournals of the United States were

kept busy reproducing tales of

British barbarities in South Afri-

ca and of the atrocities practised

by British officers and soldiers in dealing with Boer prisoners and in their treatment of Boer women and children. These stories manufactured for the purpose of injuring the British cause and keeping alive the prejudice against Great Britain existing in certain quarters, found a ready credence with these journals and were reproduced and republished with flaming headlines and loud exclamations of horror. The most indecent cartoons, representing John Bull as a butcher in the Commis sion of almost every conceivable act of cruelty towards defenceless Boer women and children, taken from the slum publications of Holland and Germany, were not too indecent to find their way into some of the leading magazines and newspapers of the United States. Of late, however, we have not heard so much of British cruelty in South Africa. The recent disclosures concerning the treatment of the natives by American officers in the Philip- last week said : pines, has had a most sobering who were loudest in their condemwomen nor children and resorted rather an unpromising outlook to the most barbarous methods of and that we may expect a deficit torture to extract information for the whole year, but let me call 'O'Leary.

from the Post Office-whether directed to his ad- that the campaign in Samar has of an improvement in the year. been one of butchery and torture. children have been shot down in brutal torture. One of the methods of torture practised was the cold water cure which consisted in pouring water down the throat of a native by means of a funnel or was continued till the victim was in the greatest agony and ready to confess anything and everyfhing. Others were stripped of the little clothing they wore and shot in different parts of the body on successive days and finally put out of misery after enduring the greatest suffering. These and other of the most fiendish methods of torture appear to have been used with much more effect than sword and rifle in the Samar expedition General Smith pleads in excuse that these natives are a deceitful, treacherous race and that the exigency of the case required the harshest measures. The trial is still in progress and other exposures are awaited. Enough has already been brought

> MR. BLAIR EXPECTS A SUR PLUS.

> out however to show that the

American officers and soldiers

have been guilty of the most dia-

bolical cruelties ever before con-

fessed in the annals of civilized

warfare.

Hon. Mr. Blair in closing his great speech on I. C. R. matters

I think I have fairly shown, in effect on these journals and those view of all the necessities which have arisen that the estimates nation of British methods in South | which we have asked parliament Africa, are now silent as oysters. to support in times past in favour It is true that war, even when of this road have not been unreascarried on with every care in ob- onable, that they have been neces serving civilized usages, is attend- sary and that they have not been ed with much cruelty and suffer- in excess of what the actual necesing. It is impossible to guard sites of the service required. I against every possibility and very claim that as respects the year often crimes and cruelties are prac- just past, we have done, I think tised by individual soldiers without admirably well in view of the fact the knowledge of their superiors. that under all the adverse circum A few weeks ago several Austra- stances against which we had to lians were court martialed and struggle, kept the amount down ordered to be shot for killing a to what it was last year; besides number of Boers who were sup- saying which we will be able to posed to have money in their make large improvements. I will possession. There are in all com- conclude what I have to say to the munities, civil as well as military, committee by giving a statement men who will stoop to crime, and of how the accounts stand down amid the horrors and excitement to the present moment so that of war crimes may be and no doubt hon. gentlemen may draw their very often are committed with own inferences as to the balance little fear of detection. But the of the year, or the eight months wholesale butchery and torture in | which cover the tull period for flicted by United States officers which we are able to give the and soldiers on the natives of the committee a statement, the work-Philippines as reported, is perhaps ing expenses \$3,837,119 and the without precedent in the history gross earnings were \$3,700,859, of modern wartare. It is alleged showing that up to the end of that on the Island of Samar an February, or for eight months, or expedition under the command of two thirds of the year, we have a Major Waller, killed peaceful na deficit of \$130,000. Hon. gentletives in cold blood, sparing neither men might assume that this is

from unwilling witnesses. Major attention to the accounts for the Waller was tried by court-martial same period last year. 1 had for these offences and pleaded that hoped to have a scatement for the he acted in the spirit of orders same period of several years back, given him by his superior officer, but it is substantially the same so General Smith. He testified that far as the general principle or the his orders were to kill and burn, inference is concerned which hon. the more he killed the better, that gentlemen might be justified in it was no time to take prisoners, drawing. Last year the gross and that he was to make Samar earnings were \$3,260,000 for idena "howling wilderness." When tically the same period. Hon. he asked his superior officer to de- gentlemer will observe that that fine the age limits for killing, he is \$440,000 less than the earnings was instructed to kill everything this year. The working expenses over ten. Other witnesses testi- were \$3,917,662, or the deficit to fied to the same effect and Major the end of February, 1901, was Waller was acquitted. General \$657,000 as against \$136,000 this Smith is now on trial before the year. With a deficit of \$657,000 court-martial and while he does we picked up last year until we not admit all the charges against reduced the deficit to \$488,000, him he admits enough to show which would be \$175,000, about, Well, if we make the same im-Inoffensive men, women and provement this year-and I am inclined to think that we will cold blood or subjected to the most | make a better showing, but I cannot pledge myself positively to the statement—but if we make an equally good showing we will transfer what is now a deficit of \$136,000 into a surplus of \$40,000 the neck of a broken bottle. This or \$50,000. I think Sir, I am safe in saying that it will be somewhat better than that. (Cheers.)

NORTHUMBERLAND THE JUDGESHIP.

An Ottawa despatch fo the Moncton Transcript sent when its editor was at the capital, intimates that Judge Wilkinson, County Court Judge for the Counties of Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland will before very long retire from the bench on a superannuation allowance, and that there are already several applicants for the position. It is stated that Mr. R. A. Lawlor, of Chatham, is pressing for the appointment and has the support of Premier Tweedie. Mr. H. F. McLatchey, of Campbellton, and Mr. N. A. Landry, of Bathurst, are also mentioned in connection with the office and it is stated that Mr. McLatchey has the support of the member for Restigouche and Mr. Landry that of Mr. Turgeon, of Gloucester. Any one of these gentlemen would acceptably fill the position. Mr. Lawlor has a large practice in the County of Northumberland and the same is true of Mr. McLatchey in Restigouche and Mr. Landry in Gloucester. Mr. Landry is an Acadian and a brother of Mr. Justice Landry of the Supreme Court of this province He is supported by the Moniteur Acadien which urges his appointment on the ground of his especial fitness for the position as well as on the ground of nationality. The Moniteur declares that Northumberland has in the past secured all the important federal and provincial offices on the North Shore and that it is time for a change this respect. In the three Counties of Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche, the Acadians number at least one-half the entire population and therefore Mr. Landry's nationality cannot be urged against him. Judge Wilkinson has not so far as is known as yet made any official application for superannuation, and until he does so there can of course be no appointment. He is however in his seventy seventh year, and though in good health and able to attend to his judicial duties it is understood that he will in a short time resign and retire to private life.

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ham, was through here last week. Mrs. Robt. Gregan and Mr. Jos. Gregan returned on Monday from a visit to Bay

Rev. Mr. Fraser, of Rexton, preached here last Sunday morning and afternoon, Inspector Doucet visited the school, here last week.

Mrs. Patrick Harrington and Mr. Timothy P. Harrington visited Richibucto on

Mr. Geo. Mills, of Bay du Vin, was here

Mrs. C. Atkinson and Miss Murray vis-

ited Richibucio on Friday. Miss Flora McDonald, of Richibucto, is visiting Mrs. Whalen.

COAL BRANCH STATION. Mr. Tom Swift paid a flying visit to his

home this week. Mr. Bliss Johnson who has been at

agent at this station for the past four years has been removed to Caanan. Bliss was very obliging and was well liked by every ene. Mr. Daughney, of Newcastle has filled the vacancy.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William How ard Friday evening. About forty guests were present. Those from a distance were: Messers. James Howard, Sussex. B. Johnson, Caanan, W. Howard, Rogers ville, and Miss McMichael, of West Branch. Dancing was the chief amusement.

Mr. Jack Little who has been to the States for sometime past has returned

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Mr. Thos. J. Gorman, who goes to Stel-

larton, N. S., the latter part of May to

take charge of the Hotel Ora, leaves for his home in Richibucto this evening, and from there will take a holiday trip to Boston, spending a few days in St. John on his return. Mr. Gorman has been connected with the Hotel Brunswick for thirteen years and during that time has made many fast friends in this city. His genial and obliging manner has won him wide popularity with the travelling public. Tangible expression of the high esteem in which Mr. Gorman is held and the regret felt at his departure from Moncton, was given last evening, when he was called into the private office of the Brunswick and presented with a purse of \$75. The affair was rather informal as it was not generally known that Mr. Gorman was leaving the city to day, and only a few of the guests of the house and two or three friends from outside were present. The presentation was made by Mr. F. J. Sweeney, who took advantage of the occasion to express to Mr. Gorman something of the high opinion his friends have of him and their very sincere regret at his departure from the city. At the same time Mr. Sweeney voiced the feelings of all in wishing Mr. Gorman every success in the town to which he is removing. Mr Sweeney spoke more particularly on behalf of the boarders of the Brunswick and town friends and Mr. D. B. McDonald, the well known commercial man, spoke of Mr. Gorman's popularity among the commercial men making the Brunswick their headquarters. After a pleasant hour in social chat the gathering dispersed with "Auld Lang Syne."-Times.

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